

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE COMMISSION ON AGING**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on August 11, 2009 at 9:32 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Callen*, Craft, Draper, Kraemer,
Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino
Absent: Commissioners Cardella and Thomas
Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand
Commissioner Callen* (arrived at 10:03 a.m.)

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Craft led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL

None

ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Craft moved and Commissioner Kraemer seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of August 11, 2009. The motion carried. (Absent Commissioners Callen*, Cardella and Thomas.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved and Commissioner Draper seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of July 14, 2009. The motion carried. (Absent Commissioners Callen*, Cardella and Thomas.)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Phillip Ross, Senior Librarian, City of Torrance
Richard Brunette, Recreation Services Manager

SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council

Commissioner Kraemer reported on a number of issues addressed by the City Council: the cooling stations established at the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center and the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, a water resolution that went into effect on July 22, 2009, which limits watering days and times, and the non-renewal of the lease for the Del Fashion Square Mall Police Substation.

She stated that the Mayor had appointed a committee to review all the commissions and had scheduled a meeting for August 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Community Room.

She noted that the deadline for applying for the Centennial Committee had been extended until August 26, with appointment announcements to be made on September 1, 2009.

B. Housing

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino reported on the Draft Environmental Impact Report Update for the City's proposed General Plan which is available for review at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library from July 23 through September 8, 2009. She stated that comments on the plan can be submitted in writing or via email to the Community Development Department, General Plan Division and that there will be a public hearing on the plan on October 14, 2009.

C. Health

Commissioner Kraemer announced that a Memory Club had been created in Manhattan Beach, through the Beach Cities Health District.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino asked Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand to follow up on the possibility on forming a similar club in Torrance.

D. Transportation

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino stated that Bea Virobik, Office Manager for the Focal Point on Aging, had suggested placing clipboards in the three senior centers, in order to solicit suggestions and comments on bus routes for seniors.

E. Cable

Commissioner Callen stated that CitiCABLE is still showing repeat shows and would start new shows in September, one of which would be the Salvation Army Health and Resource Fair.

F. Focal Point Program

None

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Craft reported on internet fraud.

Commissioner Kraemer asked Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand to follow up to determine if there were statistics or reports that the City might have available that could show the incidences of fraud or elder abuse.

ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation Services Manager Brunette introduced himself to the Commission.

Senior Librarian Ross announced that the El Retiro Library had reopened and that the next libraries to close for refurbishment were the Henderson Library, followed by the Walteria Library.

Senior Librarian Ross distributed flyers for upcoming library events and noted for the record that Dana Vinke, Head of Reference Services, Rachel Bieber, Audiovisual Librarian and Hillary Theyer, Principal Librarian were largely responsible for the author, cultural and movie presentations at the library.

Senior Librarian Ross also announced that the Annual Health and Resource Fair which is jointly sponsored by the Salvation Army Adult Day Care and the City of Torrance Community Services Department would be held on September 19, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 4223 Emerald Street.

Commissioner Kraemer announced that the Torrance Block Party 2009, benefitting R.S.V.P., will be on Sunday August 30, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Old Torrance.

Commissioner Kraemer also noted that the Torrance Symphony would hold a free concert at Wilson Park on August 23, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kraemer announced that the Torrance Adult School schedule and the Torrance Seasons magazine had been mailed out and that registration would begin on August 18, 2009.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino stated that she would be attending the meeting of the ad hoc committee for Commission Review on August 24, 2009, and offered to bring forward any items that the Commission wanted to present to the committee.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino stated that the Disaster Plan for Seniors would be linked online to the Focal Point on Aging site.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino announced that Commissioners could print out the meeting agenda and minutes from the Torrance website, instead of receiving them through the mail.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino stated that she and Commissioner Craft attended the Commission Chair training on July 23, 2009.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand distributed a flyer for a free vision and dental clinic that will be held at the Forum in Inglewood from August 10 through August 18, 2009.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand stated that there had been a good response to the Focal Point on Aging directory and that hard copies were being distributed to city agencies and city departments.

She announced that the Torrance Travelers Program had registration beginning September 11, 2009 and the three programs are: Winemaker for a Day, Meet Me in St. Louis and Mission Inn Festival of Light. She noted that the program had just completed a successful trip to Clifton's Cafeteria in Los Angeles and Disney Concert Hall.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand announced that there is a new Gentle Fitness program at the Tillim Senior Center and that the Smile and Be Happy Dance will be held at the Ken Miller Recreation Center on September 23, 2009.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand reminded the Commissioners of the Health and Resource Fair on September 19, 2009, sponsored by the Salvation Army Adult Day Care and the City of Torrance Community Services Department.

Commissioner Craft announced that the South Bay Children's Health Centers in Torrance and Redondo Beach could perform free dental and mental health screenings for children, who could otherwise not afford them.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center.

Approved as Submitted September 8, 2009 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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